



As much as we'd like to believe otherwise, as much as we try to avoid it, old age creeps up and sooner or later death will have the last word. It's the final, unavoidable destination for all of us. What if we could place ourselves there in our minds, and look back to the present? From that vantage point, what matters? What would change in our calendars? In the choices we make today?

Life is marked by erosion (aging) and by intrusion (death). We prefer not to think about these things. But when all is said and done what really matters? We can choose to set the direction of our lives by remembering where we came from and where we're going. We wrap up this mini-series with the invitation to use time wisely, to pay attention to God's Word, and to fear God, because everything matters

- Open with prayer.
- If your groups is new, give everyone time to introduce themselves.

CONVERSATION STARTERS

- What is something you have hoped or waited for? How long did you wait? If you eventually received it, how did you feel when you received it?
- What really matters to you in this time of your life?

REVIEW

Together, open your Bibles and read from **Ecclesiastes 12**.

Share your favourite points from the weekend sermon. What spoke to you? Share a phrase or moment that you related to the most, or a question you may have from the weekend.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- If you could tell your younger self any piece of advice, what would it be?
- What does it mean for you to “use time wisely”? Do you think you “use time wisely”? Why or why not?
- What does it mean to “fear God”? Why should we fear God?
- How does the concept of the fear of God determine your attitudes and actions?
- Why should we keep God’s commandments and follow the Word of God? What benefit is there in keeping them? What are the consequences of not keeping God’s commands?
- How will you live your life differently in anticipation of Jesus’ return?
- How will you live your life differently with the knowledge that what we do in this life can have an eternal impact?
- How do these verses apply to your life? What will you do about it?

PRAISE & PRAYER POINTS

Share what God is doing in your life and spend some time praying for each other’s prayer requests.